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MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING
of the
SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY
and the
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ADVISORY COMMITTEE

October 23, 2006

1. Call to order.

The 316th joint meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Advisory Committee was called to order by Conservancy Chairperson Elizabeth Cheadle at 7:35 p.m. on October 23, 2006 Webster Elementary School, 3602 Winter Canyon Road, Malibu, California.

2. Roll Call of Conservancy.

The Conservancy roll was called and the following members were present: Bryan Cash, Linda Parks, Woody Smeck, Ron Schafer, and Elizabeth Cheadle, Chairperson. A Quorum was present. The following members were absent: Jim Berkus, Ed Begley, Jerome C. Daniel, and Antonio Gonzalez.

3. Roll Call of Advisory Committee.

The Advisory Committee roll was called and the following members were present: Claudia Bill De La Peña, Dave Brown, Michael Hurley, Alan Kishbaugh, George Lange, John McCord, Linda Palmer, Wendy-Sue Rosen, Dennis Seider, Harry Schwarz, Nancy Stephens, Rich Toyon, Garen Yegparian, and Don Robinson, Chairperson. A Quorum was present. The following members were absent: Caroline Brown, Barry Groveman, Richard Gould, Barry Read, Paul Rockenstein, Marc Stirdivant, Timothy Wendler, Liane Weintraub, and Anthony Portantino, Vice Chairperson. The following members were present subsequent to roll call: Michael Cacciotti and Roseann Mikos.

Staff present: Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Executive Director; Rorie Skei, Chief Deputy Director; Laurie Collins, Chief Staff Counsel; Jeff Maloney, Staff Counsel; Jeff Jones, Chief Financial Officer; Barbara Romero, Director of Urban Project; Walt Young, Deputy Executive Officer; Amy Lethbridge, Deputy Executive Officer, and James Yeramian, Board Secretary.

4. Introduction of Legislative Participants or their staff.

The Chair announced that the following legislative participants were present: Louise Rishoff, and Laura Plotkin.

5. Approval of Minutes.

The minutes of September 18, 2006 were submitted for approval.

The minutes of September 18, 2006 were approved as submitted.

6. Reports.

The Conservancy received verbal reports from the Chair; Michael Berger representing the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, and Walt Young representing the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Palmer.

Comments were made by Mr. Berger.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Toyon.

Comments were made by Walt Young.

7. Members comments on matters not on the agenda.

Comments were made by Ms. Rishoff, the Executive Director, Ms. Rosen, and Mr. Brown.

Comments were made by the Chair regarding adding an item to the Closed Session portion of the agenda pursuant to Government Code Section 11125.3 to include: *Certain Concerned Taxpayers of Los Angeles County v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy*.

On motion of Mr. Smeck, duly seconded, the Board adopted a resolution finding the need for immediate action.

On motion of Ms. Parks, duly seconded, the Board adopted a resolution finding that the matter came to the attention of staff after the posting of the agenda on October 13, 2006.

The Chair announced that presentation for 10 would be heard next and consideration would take place after the public testimony.

10. Consideration of resolution instructing staff to amend the Malibu Parks Public Access Enhancement Plan - Public Works Plan, and to agendize for consideration of adoption at a future meeting to be announced.

Comments were made by the Chair and Ms. Palmer.

Comments were made by Ms. April Verbanik, and Mr. Dave Updike.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Brown.

Comments were made by Mr. Updike.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Brown.

Comments were made by the Executive Director, Mr. Brown, and Ms. Lisa Soghor.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Mikos.

Comments were made by Ms. Soghor, and Mr. Schafer.

8. Comments from members of the public on items not on the agenda and public testimony on all agenda items.

The following persons addressed the Conservancy:

Helen Josen, representing Miller High School, on item 10.

Jamie Hawkins, representing Miller High School, on item 10.

Steven A. Amerikaner, representing the Ramirez Canyon Preservation Fund, on item 10.

Jamie Cabral, member of the public, on item 10.

Wendy Langhans, representing the MRCA, on item 10.

Steve Loerger, member of the public, on item 10.

Diane Erskine, member of the public, on item 10.

Lori Miller, member of the public, on item 10.

Mary Ann Webster, representing Sierra Club, on item 10.

Paul Herzog, representing Ballona Wetlands Land Trust, on item 10.

Lou Olsen, representing Mountain Bike Unit, on item 10.

Bill Foster, representing Mountain Bike Unit, on item 10.

Mia Lehrer, representing Mia Lehrer and Associates, on item 10.

William H. Weeger, representing Winding Way/Debutts Terrace Land and Property Homeowners Association, on item 10.

Greg Jordan, member of the public, on item 10.
Judy Jordan, member of the public, on item 10.
Marviu McNeil, member of the public, on item 10.
Peter Heumann, representing CORBA, on item 10.
Elva Yanez, representing Audubon California, on item 10.
Jeff Klinger, representing Concerned Off-Road Bicyclists Association, on item 10.
David Holtzman, member of the public, on item 10.
Molly Bosted, representing Verdugo Hills Sierra Club, on item 10.
Kathryn Holguin, representing Ramirez Canyon Association, on item 10.
Alina Bokde, member of the public, on item 10.
Judy Villablanca, representing Winding Way/Debutts Terrace Land and Property Homeowners Association, on item 10.
Stefanie Edmondson, representing City of Malibu, on item 10.
Jeanne Wallace, member of the public, on item 10.
Donald W. Wallace, representing the Las Virgenes Homeowners Association and Santa Monica Mountains Trails Council, on item 10.
Art Carvalho, representing Equestrian Trails Inc., Corral 36, on item 10.
Bob Dasilva, member of the public, on item 10.
Sherry Dasilva, member of the public, on item 10.
Lori Gray, member of the public, on item 10.
Sabine Steinberg, member of the public, on item 10.
Judi Pace, member of the public, on item 10.
Jack Short, member of the public, on item 10.
Jo Ruggles, representing Malibu Trails Association, on item 10.
Nancya Fanjau, representing Winding Way Homeowners Association, on item 10.
Tim Bays, representing McBride School, on item 10.

9. Consent Calender:

- (a) Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the City of Simi Valley on proposed light industrial business park (CUP-S-432) on APN 500-0-291-135, located adjacent to Alamos Canyon Creek and the Arroyo Simi.**
- (b) Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment to Los Angeles County regarding the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Lyons Canyon project, Tentative Tract Map No. 53653, SCH No. 2003031086, unincorporated Santa Clarita Valley area.**

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Yegparian, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution Nos. 06-75 and 06-76.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Schafer, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution Nos. 06-75 and 06-76.

10. Consideration of resolution instructing staff to amend the Malibu Parks Public Access Enhancement Plan - Public Works Plan, and to agendize for consideration of adoption at a future meeting to be announced.

A motion was made by Mr. Seider to postpone this item to a later date.

Due to a lack of second, the motion failed.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Mikos.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

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Comments were made by the Executive Director, Mr. Smeck, and Ms. Palmer.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Palmer.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Yegparian, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 06-77.

Mr. Seider was noted as opposing.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Schafer, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 06-77.

11. Report on First Quarter 2006 Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy grants.

The Conservancy received a written report on First Quarter 2006 Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy grants.

12. Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the City of Malibu on La Paz Development Agreement Project Draft Environmental Impact Report.

This item was postponed to a later date.

13. Consideration of resolution entering into a Memorandum of Understanding with other interested parties to establish a regional water management group pursuant to the Integrated Regional Water Management Planning Act of 2002, Division 6, Part 2.2 of the California Water Code, and Proposition 50, Division 26.5, Chapter 8 of the California Water Code.

This item was postponed to a later date.

14. Consideration of resolution authorizing an augmentation of grant SMM-0672 to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority with Proposition 50 funds for the acquisition of upper Malibu Canyon - Calabasas grade parcel, Calabasas.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Cacciotti, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 06-80.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Smeck, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 06-80.

15. Closed Session: (The Conservancy may hold a closed session on the following items pursuant to Section 11126 Subdivision (c)(7)(A), Section 11126.3(a), and Section 11126 Subdivision (e) of the Government Code. Confidential memoranda related to the following items may be considered during such closed session discussions.) Discussion and possible action regarding pending and/or potential litigation: Pending litigation – *Ramirez Canyon Preservation Fund v. California Coastal Commission*, et al.; Conference with legal counsel - potential litigation.

The Chair announced that the Conservancy would hold a closed session at 9:54 p.m.

The Chair reconvened the open session at 10:05 p.m. and reported that instructions had been given to Staff regarding *Certain Concerned Taxpayers of Los Angeles County v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy*.

16. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

The Chair announced that the date of the next meeting would be determined at a later time.

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:07 p.m. in memory of Edward Albert, Jr.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

JOSEPH T. EDMISTON, FAICP
Executive Director

ELIZABETH A. CHEADLE
Chairperson